



U.S. President Joe Biden, right, and Chinese President Xi Jinping shake hands before their meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit meeting, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, in Nusa Dua, in Bali, Indonesia.

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Biden, Xi clash on Taiwan but try to 'manage' differences

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NUSA DUA, Indonesia (AP) — President Joe Biden objected directly to China's "coercive and increasingly aggressive actions" toward Taiwan during the first in-person meeting of his presidency with Xi Jinping, as the two superpower leaders aimed on Monday to "manage" their differences in the competition for global influence.

The nearly three-hour meeting was the highlight of Biden's weeklong, round-the-world trip to the Middle East and Asia, and came at a critical juncture for the two countries amid increasing economic and security tensions. Speaking at a news conference afterward, Biden said that when it comes to China, the U.S. would "compete vigorously, but I'm not looking for conflict." He added: "I absolutely believe there need not be a new Cold War" between

America and the rising Asian power. Biden reiterated U.S. support for its long-standing "One China" policy, which recognizes the government in Beijing — while allowing for informal American relations and defense ties with Taipei, and "strategic ambiguity" over whether the U.S. would respond militarily if the island were attacked. He also said that despite China's recent saber rattling, he does not believe "there's any imminent attempt on the part of China to invade Taiwan." Xi, according to the Chinese government's account of the meeting, "stressed that the Taiwan question is at the very core of China's core interests, the bedrock of the political foundation of China-U.S. relations, and the first red line that must not be crossed in China-U.S. relations."

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Biden said he and Xi also discussed Russia's aggression against Ukraine and "reaffirmed our shared belief" that the use or even the threat of nuclear weapons is "totally unacceptable." That was a reference to Moscow's thinly veiled threats to use atomic weapons as its nearly nine-month invasion of Ukraine has faltered.

Chinese officials have largely refrained from public criticism of Russia's war, although Beijing has avoided direct support of the Russians, such as supplying arms.

While there were no watershed breakthroughs, the Biden-Xi meeting brought each side long-sought, if modest, gains. In addition to the shared condemnation of Russian nuclear threats, Biden appeared to secure from Xi the resumption of lower-level cooperation from China on a range of shared global challenges. Meanwhile, Xi, who has aimed to establish China as a geopolitical peer of the U.S., got symbolic home turf for the meeting as well as Biden's forceful One China policy commitment.

The White House said Biden and Xi agreed to "empower key senior officials" to work on areas of potential cooperation, including tackling climate change and maintaining global financial, health and food stability. Beijing had cut off such contacts with the U.S. in protest of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's trip to Taiwan in August.

China and the U.S. are the



U.S. President Joe Biden, right, stands with Chinese President Xi Jinping before a meeting on the sidelines of the G20 summit meeting, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, in Bali, Indonesia.

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world's worst climate polluters, and their one-on-one climate contacts are seen as vital to staving off some of the most dire scenarios of climate change. Biden's first stop on his long overseas trip was in Egypt for a major climate conference.

The two leaders agreed to have U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken travel to Beijing to continue discussions. Xi and Biden warmly greeted each other with a handshake at a luxury resort hotel in Indonesia, where they are attending the Group of 20 summit of large economies.

"As the leaders of our two nations, we share responsibility, in my view, to show that China and the United States can manage our differences, prevent competition from becoming anything ever near conflict, and to find ways to work together on urgent global issues that require our mutual cooperation," Biden said to open the meeting.

Xi called on Biden to "chart the right course" and "elevate the relationship" between China and the

U.S. He said he wanted a "candid and in-depth exchange of views."

Both men entered the highly anticipated meeting with bolstered political standing at home. Democrats triumphantly held onto control of the U.S. Senate, with a chance to boost their ranks by one in a runoff election in Georgia next month, while Xi was awarded a third five-year term in October by the Communist Party's national congress, a break with tradition.

But relations between the two powers have grown more strained under successive American administrations, with economic, trade, human rights and security differences at the fore.

As president, Biden has repeatedly taken China to task for human rights abuses against the Uyghur people and other ethnic minorities, crackdowns on democracy activists in Hong Kong, coercive trade practices, military provocations against self-ruled Taiwan and differences over Russia and Ukraine.

The White House said Biden

specifically mentioned U.S. concerns about China's actions in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, and the plight of Americans it considers "wrongfully detained" or subject to exit bans in China.

Taiwan has emerged as one of the most contentious issues. Multiple times in his presidency, Biden has said the U.S. would defend the island — which China has eyed for eventual unification — in case of a Beijing-led invasion. But administration officials have stressed each time that the U.S. China policy has not changed.

Pelosi's trip prompted China, officially the People's Republic of China, to retaliate with military drills and the firing of ballistic missiles into nearby waters.

The White House said Biden "raised U.S. objections to the PRC's coercive and increasingly aggressive actions toward Taiwan, which undermine peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and in the broader region, and jeopardize global prosperity."

In the meeting, Biden said

China's economic practices "harm American workers and families, and workers and families around the world," the White House said.

The meeting came just weeks after the Biden administration blocked exports of advanced computer chips to China — a national security move that bolsters U.S. competition against Beijing.

Xi's government said he condemned such moves, saying, "Starting a trade war or a technology war, building walls and barriers, and pushing for decoupling and severing supply chains run counter to the principles of market economy and undermine international trade rules."

Although the two men have held five phone or video calls during Biden's presidency, White House officials said those encounters were no substitute for an in-person meeting. They said sitting down with Xi was all the more important after the Chinese leader strengthened his grip on power with a third term and because lower-level Chinese officials have been unable or unwilling to speak for their leader.

White House officials and their Chinese counterparts spent weeks negotiating details of the meeting, which was held at Xi's hotel with translators providing simultaneous interpretation through headsets. Each leader was flanked by nine N-95 mask-wearing aides, and in the case of Xi, at least one official newly elevated in the recent Congress to its top leadership.

U.S. officials were eager to see how Xi approached the meeting after consolidating his position as the unquestioned leader of the state — whether that made him more or less likely to seek out areas of cooperation.

Biden said Xi was as he's always been.

"I didn't find him more confrontational or more conciliatory," Biden said. "I found him the way he's always been, direct and straightforward." □



U.S. says Iran threats to ex-officials Pompeo, Hook persist

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration has determined that Iranian threats against former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and one of his former top aides remain credible and persist nearly two years after they left office.

The State Department notified Congress last week that both Pompeo and Brian Hook, who served as special representative for Iran during the Trump administration, were still both subject to a “serious and credible threat from a foreign power or agent of a foreign power” stemming from their work while in government.

The determinations which mean Pompeo and Hook will continue to receive government protection were signed by Deputy Secretary of State for Management Brian McKeon on Nov. 8 and sent to Congress on Nov. 9, according to the notifications obtained by The Associated Press.

“I hereby determine that the specific threat with re-



Former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo addresses an audience at a periodic “Politics and Eggs” gathering at Saint Anselm College, in Manchester, N.H., Sept. 20, 2022.

Associated Press

spect to former Secretary of State Michael Pompeo persists,” McKeon wrote. He used identical language to refer to the threat against Hook. The AP reported in March that the State Department was paying more than \$2 million per month to provide 24-hour security to Pompeo and Hook. The

latest determinations the eighth for Hook and the fifth for Pompeo since they left government in January 2021 did not give a dollar amount for the protection. Even as the Biden administration made those determinations and spent money for Pompeo and Hook’s protection, it continued

to press ahead with indirect talks with Iran aimed at salvaging the 2015 Iran nuclear deal that former President Donald Trump withdrew from in 2018. Those talks have been stalled for months now and the administration has been pessimistic for some time that they will resume any-

time soon. The administration has blamed Iran for the breakdown in talks, saying it has raised demands outside the scope of the deal, which gave Tehran billions in sanctions relief in return for curbs on its nuclear program. In the meantime, Iran has launched a major crackdown on antigovernment protests sparked by the death of a woman in custody who was accused of violating a law requiring women to wear headscarves in public. The U.S. has imposed additional sanctions on Iranian officials for human rights abuses and on Monday national security adviser Jake Sullivan

The notifications do not specifically identify Iran as the source of the threats, but Iranian officials have long vented anger at Pompeo and Hook for leading the Trump administration’s “maximum pressure” campaign against Iran, including designating Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps a “foreign terrorist organization” and subjecting it to unprecedented sanctions. □

High court rules against Arizona GOP leader in records fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has cleared the way for the House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol to get phone records belonging to the leader of the Arizona Republican Party.

The high court on Monday rejected GOP state chair Kelli Ward’s request to halt the turnover of records while a lawsuit proceeds. The court lifted a temporary order that had been put in place by Justice Elena Kagan that had paused anything from happening while Ward’s emergency request was at the Supreme Court. Ward has said her First Amendment rights would be chilled if investigators were able to learn whom

she spoke with while trying to challenge former President Donald Trump’s 2020 election defeat. Ward attorney Alexander Kolodin said he had not yet seen the order and had no immediate comment.

As is common in situations involving emergency requests to the high court, the justices did not explain their reasoning in their three-sentence order. Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Samuel Alito said they would have sided with Ward but also did not elaborate.

Thomas’ wife Virginia “Ginni” Thomas is one of the people who was interviewed by the Jan. 6 committee and has stood by the false claim that the 2020

election was fraudulent. She had urged Republican lawmakers in Arizona after the election to choose their own slate of electors.

A federal appeals court panel previously ruled 2-1 against Ward and said the committee should get records of calls she made and received from just before the November 2020 election to Jan. 31, 2021. That includes a period when Ward was pushing for Trump’s election defeat to be overturned and Congress was set to certify the results in favor of Democrat Joe Biden.

Ruling against Ward at the appeals court level were judges appointed by presidents of different parties. Barry Silverman, an appoint-



Arizona GOP Chairwoman Dr. Kelli Ward speaks at the Republican watch party in Scottsdale, Ariz., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

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tee of Democratic President Bill Clinton, and Eric Miller, a Trump appointee, both ruled against Ward. Judge Sandra Ikuta, an appointee of Republican President George W. Bush, dissented.

The appeals court ruling followed a September decision by a federal judge in Phoenix who also ruled

against Ward.

Kelli Ward and her husband, Michael Ward, were presidential electors who would have voted for Trump in the Electoral College had he won Arizona. Both signed a document falsely claiming they were Arizona’s true electors, despite Biden’s victory in the state. □

Suspect caught in fatal shooting of 3 U.Va. football players

By SARAH RANKIN

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP)

— A University of Virginia student shot and killed three members of the school's football team as they returned to campus from a field trip, setting off panic and a 12-hour lockdown at the school until the suspect was captured Monday.

The violence that also wounded two students late Sunday erupted near a parking garage and closed much of the campus while police searched through the night for the gunman. Officials got word during a midmorning news briefing that the suspect, 22-year-old Christopher Darnell Jones Jr. had been arrested.

"Just give me a moment to thank God, breathe a sigh of relief," university Police Chief Timothy Longo Sr. said after learning Jones was in custody.

The shooting happened just after 10:15 p.m. Sunday as a charter bus full of students returned from seeing a play in Washington.

University President Jim Ryan said authorities did



Charlottesville police secure a crime scene of an overnight shooting at the University of Virginia, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022, in Charlottesville, Va.

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not have a "full understanding" of the motive or circumstances surrounding the shooting.

"The entire university community is grieving this morning," a visibly strained Ryan said.

"My heart is broken for the victims and their families and for all those who knew and loved them."

The killings happened at

a time when the nation is on edge from a string of mass shootings during the last six months, including a shooting that killed 19 students and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas; a shooting at a Fourth of July parade in a Chicago suburb that killed seven and wounded more than 30; and a shooting at a supermarket in Buf-

falo, New York, that killed 10 people and wounded three.

Ryan identified the three students who were killed as: Devin Chandler, Lavel Davis Jr. and D'Sean Perry. He said one of the wounded students was hospitalized in critical condition, and the other was in good condition.

The shooting touched off

an intense manhunt, with authorities conducting a building-by-building search of the campus while students sheltered in place. The lockdown order was lifted late Monday morning.

Jones was taken into custody without incident in suburban Richmond, police said.

Authorities obtained arrest warrants for Jones charging him with three counts of second-degree murder and three counts of using a handgun in the commission of a felony, Longo said.

Jones had once been on the football team, but had not been on the team for at least a year, Longo said. The UVA football website listed him as a team member during the 2018 season and said he did not play in any games.

Hours after Jones was arrested, first-year head football coach Tony Elliott sat alone outside the athletic building used by the team, at times with his head in his hands. He said the victims "were all good kids" and that he would talk more about them "when the time is right." □

Florida county puts damage from Nicole at \$481 million

DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, Fla. (AP)

— Damages are estimated at more than \$481 million in a central Florida coastal county where homes collapsed into the Atlantic Ocean following Hurricane Nicole last week. The damages from the category 1 storm in Volusia County, home to Daytona Beach, exceeded those from the much stronger Hurricane Ian, which caused \$377 million in the county, officials said. Hurricane Ian, a category 4 storm, made landfall in southwest Florida in late September and tore across the state.

Moody's Investors Service estimated insured losses from Ian at between \$40 billion and \$70 billion in Florida and North Carolina. Severe beach erosion from

Ian made homes vulnerable to the impact of Nicole in Wilbur-by-the-Sea, a quaint beach commu-

nity where single-family homes fell into the ocean last week. Volusia County officials said that at least 30

single-family homes in Wilbur-by-the-Sea and seven single-family homes in nearby Ponce Inlet have been deemed unsafe following Hurricane Nicole.

In Daytona Beach Shores and New Smyrna Beach, two dozen multistory condo buildings have been evacuated and deemed unsafe by building inspectors.

Daytona Beach Shore by far had the most property damage in the county, estimated at \$370.3 million, according to the Volusia County Property Appraiser. It was followed by New Smyrna Beach at \$51.1 million and Daytona Beach at \$50 million.

The property appraiser's office warned that those figures would likely rise as more buildings are inspect-

ed. For storm-weary Floridians, Nicole was the first November hurricane to hit their shores since 1985 and only the third since record-keeping began in 1853.

The storm was blamed for five deaths in Florida. A man and a woman were killed by electrocution when they touched downed power lines in the Orlando area. Also in Orange County, one man died in a vehicle crash, and a male pedestrian was struck and killed by a vehicle because of poor road conditions. Another man died as waves battered his yacht against a dock in Cocoa, despite efforts to resuscitate him by paramedics who managed to get on board as the boat broke away from its moorings. □



A bed and chairs are seen inside a home that half collapsed after the sand supporting it was swept away, following the passage of Hurricane Nicole, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Wilbur-By-The-Sea, Fla.

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France and UK sign agreement to curb Channel crossings

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PARIS (AP) — The U.K. and France signed an agreement Monday that will see more police patrol beaches in northern France in an attempt to stop migrants from trying to cross the English Channel in small boats a regular source of friction between the two.

As scores of people were picked up and brought ashore Monday by a U.K. Border Force vessel, the British government said it had agreed to pay France 72.2 million euros (\$75 million) in 2022-2023 almost 10 million euros more than under an existing deal in exchange for France increasing security patrols along the coast by 40%.

That includes 350 more gendarmes and police guarding beaches in Calais and Dunkirk, as well as more drones and night vi-



A British Border Force vessel carrying a group of people thought to be migrants rescued after a boat incident in the Channel comes into dock in Dover, England, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

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sion equipment to help officers detect unauthorized crossings.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said the deal would

mean “for the first time, British officials embedded in French operations to strengthen coordination and the effectiveness of

our operations.”

The agreement, signed by French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin and British Home Secretary Suella

Braverman in Paris, contains proposals to fight crime by harvesting information from intercepted migrants to help tackle smuggling networks.

No specific target for boat interceptions was included. The U.K. receives fewer asylum-seekers than many European nations, including Germany, France and Italy, but thousands of migrants from around the world travel to northern France each year in hopes of crossing the channel. Some want to reach the U.K. because they have friends or family there, others because they speak English or because it's perceived to be easy to find work. In recent years there's been a sharp increase in the number of people attempting the journey in dinghies and other small craft as authorities clamped down on other routes such as stowing away on buses or trucks. □

Mexico president dismisses massive protest against reforms

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A day after tens of thousands of people protested against President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's proposal to overhaul Mexico's electoral authority, the president dismissed them Monday as people in favor of privilege, racism and classism. López Obrador said Sunday's demonstration the biggest against one of his proposals in his nearly four years in office was a kind of “striptease” revealing the intentions of Mexico's conservatives. He estimated there were 50,000 to 60,000 protesters, an apparent undercount and well below the 200,000 estimated by the march's organizers.

Opposition parties and civil society organizations had called on Mexicans to demonstrate against proposed electoral reforms that would remake the



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador gestures during his daily morning press conference at the National Palace in Mexico City, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

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Turkey detains Syrian suspect in deadly Istanbul bombing

By **MEHMET GUZEL and SUZAN FRASER** Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish police said Monday they have detained a Syrian woman with suspected links to Kurdish militants and that she confessed to planting a bomb that exploded on a bustling pedestrian avenue in Istanbul, killing six people and wounding several dozen others. Kurdish militants strongly denied any links to the bombing.

Sunday's explosion hit Istiklal Avenue, a popular thoroughfare lined with shops and restaurants that leads to Taksim Square.

"A little while ago, the person who left the bomb was detained by our Istanbul Police Department teams," Interior Minister Suleyman Soyly announced early Monday. Police later identified the suspect as Ahlam Albashir, a Syrian citizen.

The Istanbul Police Department said videos from around 1,200 security cameras were reviewed and raids were carried out at 21 locations. At least 46 other people were also detained for questioning.

The suspect allegedly departed the scene in a taxi after leaving TNT-type explosives on the crowded avenue, police said.

Sunday's explosion was a shocking reminder of the anxiety that gripped Turkey when such attacks were



Relatives and friends of Arzu Ozsoy and her 15-year-old daughter Yagmur Ucar, who died in Sunday's explosion occurred on Istiklal avenue, attend their funeral in Istanbul, Turkey, Monday, Nov. 14, 2022.

common. The country was hit by a string of deadly bombings between 2015 and 2017, some by the Islamic State group, others by Kurdish militants who seek increased autonomy or independence.

Police said the suspect told them during her interrogation that she had been trained as a "special intelligence officer" by the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, as well as the Syrian Kurdish group the Democratic Union Party and its armed wing. She entered Turkey illegally through the Syrian border town of Afrin,

police said.

The Kurdistan Workers Party denied involvement in a statement, saying it did not target civilians. In Syria, the main Kurdish militia group, People's Defense Units, denied any links to the suspect. The group maintained that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan was trying to gather international support for his plans to launch a new incursion into northern Syria ahead of next year's elections.

Soyly said the suspect would have fled to neighboring Greece if she hadn't been detained.

Asked about Soyly's comments, Greek government spokesman Giannis Oikonomou reiterated Greece's condolences and stressed that the government "is steadily against any terrorist act. What happened in Istanbul is abhorrent and condemnable."

Earlier, Soyly said security forces believe that instructions for the attack came from Kobani, the majority Kurdish city in northern Syria that borders Turkey. He said the attack would be avenged.

"We know what message those who carried out this

action want to give us. We got this message," Soyly said. "Don't worry, we will pay them back heavily."

Soyly also blamed the United States, claiming that a condolence message from the White House was akin to "a killer being first to show up at a crime scene." Turkey has been infuriated by U.S. support for Syrian Kurdish groups.

In its message, the White House said it strongly condemned the "act of violence" in Istanbul, adding: "We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our NATO ally (Turkey) in countering terrorism."

Turkish television broadcast footage purporting to show the main suspect being detained at a house where she was allegedly hiding. It said police searching the house also seized large amounts of cash, gold and a gun. The minister told reporters that Kurdish militants had allegedly given orders for the main suspect to be killed to avoid evidence being traced back to them. Istanbul Gov. Ali Yerlikaya said of the 81 people hospitalized in the attack, 57 have been discharged. Six of the wounded were in intensive care and two of them were in life-threatening condition, he said. The six killed in the blast were members of three families and included children ages 9 and 15. □

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Haiti prime minister ousts top officials amid US sanctions



Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry speaks during a ceremony in memory of slain Haitian President Jovenel Moïse at the National Pantheon Museum in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, July 7, 2022.

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Prime Minister Ariel Henry has dismissed Haiti's justice minister, interior minister and its government commissioner in a fresh round of political upheaval. Former Justice Minister Berto Dorecé first fired Government Commissioner Jacques Lafontant on Henry's orders before being ousted himself days later along with Interior Minister Liszt Quitel, according to documents that The Associated Press obtained on Monday. Quitel had previously

served as justice minister. Henry did not say why the officials were removed, and his spokesman could not be immediately reached for comment. Henry has become Haiti's interior minister while still serving as prime minister, and Emelie Prophète Milcé was named justice minister, the fifth one in the past two years as the country struggles to bring to justice all those involved in the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. The dismissals come a

month after the U.S. government announced it was pulling the visas belonging to current and former Haitian government officials involved with gangs.

The officials were not identified. Earlier this month, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on Haitian Senate President Joseph Lambert and former Senator Youri Latortue amid allegations they abused their positions to smuggle drugs alongside gangs and directed others to engage in violence. □

Reintroduction of Aruparking leads to debate

ORANJESTAD – A survey on social media is receiving different reactions from the local community on the topic of Aruparking. Some people indicate that the parking system needs to be reinforced while others think it would be better eliminated.

Aruparking exists since November 2014, and it is a company belonging to Arubus. They have 25 employees in service, divided between parking watchers and administrative personnel. Aruparking manages more than 1,300 parking spots in the entire area of Oranjestad, of which around 800 are for clients who visit the area for shopping or errands. The rest of the spots are reserved for employees working in the area, who do not necessarily need to park too close because their car stays there over eight hours a day.

In September 2015, implementation of the Landsverordering Parkeermeters (National Ordinance Parking Meters) came into force, which awarded special authority of supervision to a group of almost 25 Aruparking employees. Their work varied from controlling compliance with the parking fees, to incorrectly parked cars on the sidewalk or places forbidden indicated by a sign.

This system generated a lot of malcontent in some sectors of the community since it was originally implemented, because some people indicated that the parking system affected the economy of the city center, since customers did not have enough spots to park their cars.

Sometime later, the system stopped working. But recently discussion began about the reintroduction of Aruparking, with minister of Transport, Ursell Arends stating his intention in a press release as "bringing order and accessibility to the city center with Aruparking, from a chaotic to a regulated system."



There are about 80,000 number plates in Aruba, of which a great portion circulates our streets. From information of Aruparking, there are about 960 white parking spots (accessible to anyone), 679 yellow spots (reserved for workers in the area) and 12 for persons with disabilities. These 1,651 spots in the city center can barely accommodate about 2 percent of all cars in Aruba.

"This reality means that parking in the center of Oranjestad cannot continue as a Wild West", the minister said in his press release. "Through rules and order we can guarantee more and better mobility in the city center and other parts where there is commerce. In commerce there is also a conviction that a well-organized system has benefits for all. It is impossible to blame Aruparking for the situation in which Oranjestad is right now, because for the last five years that Aruparking was not active, it cannot be said that there was development in the city center."

He added that "it is important to mention that when new members were

named to the Raad van Commisarissen (Supervisory Board) of Arubus, it was ensured that a representative of the commercial sector in Oranjestad was included, in order to express the wishes of business owners in the city center. Current agreements are that the advice of the Raad van Commisarissen will be brought to the Council of Ministers and a way to reactivate Aruparking in its totality will be deliberated."

Minister Arends hopes that the reintroduction of Aruparking can bring order in the chaotic situation of parking in the city center and contribute to the development of Oranjestad as a whole, while stimulating our economy and making the area more accessible for everyone in the community.

Survey: Eliminate or reinforce Aruparking?

From the 11th of November, the Facebook Page Survey Aruba published a survey for the local community to give its opinion if the system of parking needs to continue in a "more effective" way, or if it needs to be definitively eliminated.

The post has already gen-

erated hundreds of comments from Facebook users sharing different ideas.

"The cars of the workers in the main street need to be in a parking lot dedicated to only them. Because when you go now, there is no place to park between 9am to 6pm. So you as a customer need to park far from the street and walk to the shops. Eliminate it, but is there a search for a solution? Arutram is supposed to be maintained my cruise tourists, who each pay before boarding a ship. This keeps the tram clean and pays the chauffeurs. We need to check with the government about that money, and that the money paid for parking helps those working in Aruparking and for the maintenance of the parking lots, because the workers of Aruparking also have a family. The biggest damage has already been done, a lot of businesses shut down because the main street was destroyed for too long, and not because of the pandemic. We are living in Aruba, now," one user expressed.

Another commented: "Leave it, it is very good. This way you don't find cars parked almost in the mid-

dle of the road and badly parked. People don't respect the disability spot. Why when you go abroad you do respect it? Curaçao has it and everyone respects it. It's not Aruparking that killed the main street, but the malls that opened all around Aruba. That's what finished it. Besides, in the main street all clothes are the same, except Mango and La Moderna. Another thing is that the buildings are too expensive to rent out, so this killed the main street, not Aruparking."

Yet another one proposed: "Eliminate it, but at the same time find three strategic places where you can build a parking garage of various levels, that you can charge for."

"Open the main street back for traffic. But in the current concept, Aruparking never worked and in time became a nuisance and even has a negative image in the community", another user expressed.

In the following days this topic will continue being debated, while it is decided if the system will stay and be reinforced in Oranjestad. □

Looking back on a successful DCCA 1 st International Sustainable Air Transportation event

ORANJESTAD – After the community event held on November 11, 2022, at the Southside General Aviation Hangar, the Dutch Caribbean Cooperation of Airports (DCCA), a co-operation between all 6 Caribbean Airports within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, can look back on a successful 1 st International Sustainable Air Transportation Event - A Flight to the Future.

The keynote speech, speakers, presentations, panel discussions and masterclasses held during the event have proven to be of immense value to the continued efforts of all the airports involved to venture into sustainable air transportation developments, solutions, and technologies in support of one of their main goals, sustainably improving the inter-island connectivity. "The knowledge and insights gained during the event will further strengthen our efforts as Dutch Caribbean

Cooperation of Airports to be innovative front runners on electric flying in the Caribbean region and making interisland air connections more sustainable, efficient, and affordable for the Dutch Caribbean communities. This will in turn further enhance the societies of the island nations taking the sustainable development goals of all into consideration", said Joost Meijs, CEO of Aruba Airport Authority N.V. and DCCA Chairman on behalf of DCCA. A total of 311 participants attended the in person conference throughout the week and 888 attended the event virtually. The community also came out in large numbers to view the Pipistrel Velis Electro and learn more about its capabilities and technology. As one of the great accomplishments an historical Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed during the event between all four countries



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(Aruba, St Maarten, Curaçao and The Netherlands) of the Dutch Kingdom, six airports of the Dutch Caribbean and the Dutch Association of Airports (NVL). In this Memorandum of Understanding all signatories have expressed their commitment to improve the interisland connectivity by making it more affordable, efficient, and sustainable. As a result of this MOU the parties will form a steering committee and workgroup working on a Joint Business Plan describing how this ambition can be achieved and which hurdles need to be eliminated. This business plan will be delivered within

seven months from the day of signing of this MOU. On behalf of DCCA, chairman Mr. Joost Meijs sincerely thanks all contributors, participants and all support staff that have made this event possible and a grand success. A heartfelt thank you is also in place for all the speakers, panelists, moderators, stakeholders and finally all volunteers that participated in getting this event of the ground and successfully completed.

For more information on the conference held visit DCCA's website at www.dccairports.com



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Successful start patrol ship Zr.Ms. Holland in the Dutch Caribbean Region



Oranjestad - The Dutch Marine ship Zr.Ms. Holland during her first operational weeks has intercepted two drug transports in the Caribbean Sea.

The first so-called go-fast was discovered by an

American Maritime patrol airplane, after which the Zr.Ms. Holland came into action. With the embarked US Coast Guard helicopter and the fast FRISC-interceptions vessels, the go-fast was persecuted. The first go-fast had approximately 500 kilograms drugs contraband on board. The second intercepted drugs transportation was 400 kilograms contraband cocaine. All packages were confiscated and the suspect smugglers, who were on board of the go-fasts, were arrested.

The suspects as well as the contraband at a later moment were transferred to the cutter of the American Coastguard, for persecution in the United States. A total of approximately 900 kilograms drugs were confiscated.

Zr.Ms. Holland since October 2022 is active in the Caribbean Region as patrol vessel, and alternates counter drug operations with support to the Coast Guard Dutch Caribbean Region. □

Saint Nicholas and his Petes arrived in Aruba

ORANJESTAD - On Sunday, November 13, 2022, the Minister of Culture, Xiomara Maduro welcomed Saint Nicholas and the Petes at the Harbour Arena.

The Minister explained to Saint Nicholas that all the kids behaved well during the year. She asked the saint to give the most beautiful present to all children, namely love and joy.

Saint Nicholas surprised Minister Maduro with the book Pete Academy, in which Saint Nicholas explains the changes in the Saint Nicholas celebration and his colorful Petes.

Every color has a meaning, and Saint Nicholas wants the children to know more about it.

The Minister thanked Saint Nicholas for the books. She told Saint Nicholas that the children get copies of the books at school. It will also be available in digital format for the children.

After the welcome ceremony, the parade with Saint Nicholas and the Petes, accompanied by the choir 'Muchanan Sabi' of Edselyne Figaroa, and the Quality brass band, proceeded to Plaza Padu for a party prepared for the children to enjoy the arrival of Saint Nicholas and his Petes in Aruba.

The Minister thanked Commission Celebration National Days, Aruba Bank, Seta, APA, and all sponsors for contributing to this event. □



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IMPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	50.0	44.3
To Aruba by Air	↓	-0.2	-25.5
To Aruba	↑	49.8	43.7
To the Free Zone	↓	-0.2	-5.8
Total Import	↑	49.6	42.6
By Large companies*	↓	-2.1	-8.3
IMPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
To Aruba by Sea	↑	78.2	17.1
To Aruba by Air	↑	11.1	12.2
To Aruba	↑	89.3	16.3
To the Free Zone	↓	-3.7	-10.0
Total Import	↑	85.6	14.6
By Large companies*	↑	27.1	62.2
EXPORT			
		mln. kg	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↓	-2.4	-29.8
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.0	8.7
From Aruba	↓	-2.4	-29.6
From the Free Zone	↓	-0.1	-2.8
Total Export	↓	-2.5	-23.7
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	187,331.6
EXPORT			
		mln. Afl.	% change
From Aruba by Sea	↑	4.0	48.9
From Aruba by Air	↑	0.1	2.1
From Aruba	↑	4.2	28.9
From the Free Zone	↓	-1.1	-3.5
Total Export	↑	3.1	6.8
By Large companies*	↑	0.0	8,019.0

The % change is determined by comparing the 3rd quarter of 2021 with the 3rd quarter of 2022.

*Large companies refers to the following companies:
Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

Total Import

The total import, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 49.6 mln. kg (42.6%) in the third quarter of 2022 (166.1 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (116.5 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the total import increased by Afl. 85.6 mln (14.6%), from Afl. 586.8 mln. to Afl. 672.4 mln.

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 49.8 mln. kg (43.7%) in the third quarter of 2022

(163.7 mln. kg), compared to the same period in 2021 (113.9 mln. kg). During this period, fifteen (15) of the twenty-one (21) sections registered increases in terms of weight in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (weight) was mainly due to an increase of 51.1 mln. kg (105.7%) in the section "Mineral products".

The largest decrease was observed in the section "Miscellaneous manufactured articles", with a decrease of 2.6 mln. kg (-50.8%).

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of Afl. 89.3 mln. (16.3%) in the third quarter of 2022 (Afl. 638.9 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 549.6 mln.). During this period, fifteen (15) sections registered increases in terms of value in import to the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in import to the free circulation area of Aruba (value) was mainly due to increases of Afl. 26.0 mln. (75.3%) and Afl. 20.8 (33.6%) mln. in the sections "Mineral products" and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)", respectively.

The largest decrease was observed in the section "Miscellaneous manufactured articles", with decrease of Afl. 7.8 mln. (-18.2%), respectively.

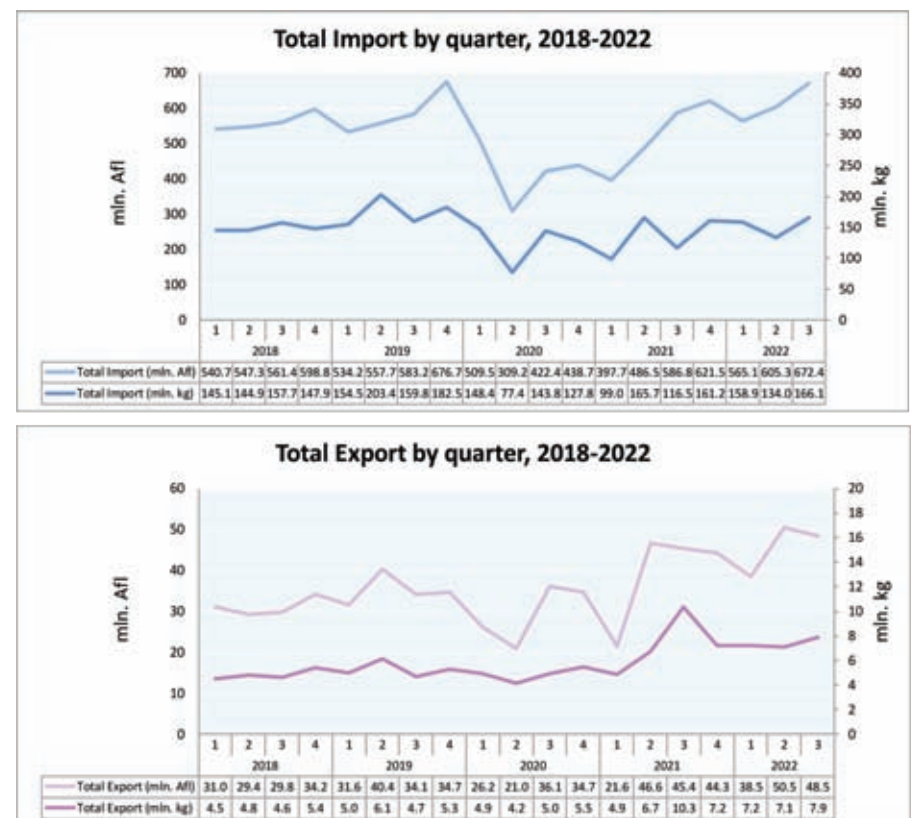
Import to the free Zone of Aruba

Import to the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of -0.2 mln. kg (-5.8%) in the third quarter of 2022 (2.4 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.6 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-5.4%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of value, the import to the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. 3.7 mln (-10.0%) from Afl. 37.2 mln. to Afl.

33.5 mln and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. 3.5 mln. (-9.6%) in the section "Food products".

The abovementioned Import (to



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the free calculation area of Aruba) is the result of Import by Sea and Import by Air, which had the following developments:

1. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Sea

Import by Sea to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered an increase of 50.0 mln. kg (44.3%) in the third quarter of 2022 (163.0 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (113.0 mln. kg) and was mainly due to an increase of 51.1 mln. kg (105.7%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of value, the import by Sea increased by Afl. 78.2 mln. (17.1%) from Afl. 458.8 mln. to Afl. 537.1 mln and was mainly due to increases of Afl. 26.0 mln. (75.4%) and Afl. 16.8 mln. (32.8%) in the sections "Mineral products" and "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)", respectively.

2. Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Air

Import by Air to the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, decreased by 0.2 mln. kg (-25.5%) from 1.0 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2021 to 0.7 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to a decrease of each 0.1 mln. kg in the sections "Vegetable

products" and "Food products".

In terms of value, the import by Air increased by Afl. 11.1 mln. (12.2%) from Afl. 90.8 mln. to Afl. 101.8 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 4.8 mln. (36.1%) in the section "Real pearls (natural) and other precious stones".

Import to the free circulation area of Aruba* by Large companies**

Import by "Large companies", in terms of weight, decreased by 2.1 mln. kg (-8.3%) from 25.6 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2021 to 23.4 mln. kg in the third quarter of 2022 and was mainly due to a decrease of 1.8 mln. kg (-7.3%) in the section "Mineral products".

In terms of value, the import by "Large companies" increased by Afl. 27.1 mln. (62.2%) from Afl. 43.6 mln. to Afl.

70.7 mln and was mainly due to an increase of Afl. 21.5 mln. (72.2%) in the section "Mineral products".

* Free circulation area of Aruba: all goods entering or leaving the economic territory of Aruba, excluding the Free Zone

** Large companies refers to the following companies: Valero, Arugas, Web, Elmar and Setar

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Total Export

The total export, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 2.5 mln. kg (-23.7%) in the third quarter of 2022 (7.9 mln. kg) compared to the same period of 2021 (10.3 mln. kg), while, in terms of value, the total export increased by Afl. 3.1 mln. (6.8%) from Afl. 45.4 mln. to Afl. 48.5 mln.

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (weight)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 2.4 mln. kg (-29.6%) in the third quarter of 2022 (5.7 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (8.1 mln. kg). Eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered decreases in terms of weight in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The decrease in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (weight) was mainly due to a decrease of 2.2 mln. kg (-46.4%) in the section "Base metals and derivated works". The largest increase was observed in the section "Food products", with an increase of 0.4 mln. kg (149.2%).

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba* (value)

Export from the free circulation area of Aruba, in terms of value, registered an increase of Afl. 4.2 mln. (28.9%) in the third quarter of 2022 (Afl. 18.6 mln.) compared to the same period in 2021 (Afl. 14.4 mln.). Fourteen (14) of the twenty-one (21) sections, registered increases in terms of value in the export from the free circulation area of Aruba. The increase in export from the free circulation area of Aruba (value) was mainly due to increases of Afl. 2.8 mln. (328.2%) and Afl. 1.3 mln. (98.6%) in the sections "Machinery & electrotechnical equipment (new & renewed)" and "Base metals and derivated works", respectively.

The largest decrease was observed in the section "Chemical products", with a decrease of Afl. 1.3 mln. (-47.3%).

Export from the free Zone of Aruba

Export from the free Zone of Aruba, in terms of weight, registered a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-2.8%) in the third quarter of 2022 (2.2 mln. kg) compared to the same period in 2021 (2.3 mln. kg) and was mainly due to a decrease of 0.1 mln. kg (-3.0%) in the section "Food products".

In terms of value, the export from the free Zone of Aruba decreased by Afl. 1.1 mln. (-3.5%) from Afl. 31.0 mln. to Afl. 29.9 mln. and was mainly due to a decrease of Afl. 1.1 mln. (-3.6%) in the section "Food products".

Table 1 Import by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021					Qtr. 2022					3rd Quarter 2021 - 2022	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2021	% change	in mln
To Aruba by Sea	96.8	163.1	113.0	158.2	531.0	156.1	130.4	163.0	0.0	449.4	44.3	50.0
To Aruba by Air	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.8	3.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	2.1	-25.5	-0.2
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.9	159.0	534.1	156.8	131.0	163.7	0.0	451.5	43.7	49.8
To the Free Zone	1.6	2.0	2.6	2.2	8.4	2.1	3.0	2.4	0.0	7.6	-5.8	-0.2
Total Import	99.0	165.7	116.5	161.2	542.4	158.9	134.0	166.1	0.0	459.1	42.6	49.6
By Large companies	20.1	21.2	25.6	23.8	90.6	22.5	24.8	23.4	0.0	70.8	-8.3	-2.1
By Other companies	77.3	142.6	88.4	135.2	443.4	134.3	106.2	140.3	0.0	380.8	58.8	51.9
To Aruba	97.4	163.7	113.9	159.0	534.1	156.8	131.0	163.7	0.0	451.5	43.7	49.8
in mln. Afl.												
To Aruba by Sea	312.6	369.1	458.8	477.2	1,617.8	436.6	462.9	537.1	0.0	1,436.5	17.1	78.2
To Aruba by Air	68.7	91.6	90.8	113.5	364.6	99.2	107.3	101.8	0.0	308.3	12.2	11.1
To Aruba	381.3	460.8	549.6	590.8	1,982.5	535.8	570.2	638.9	0.0	1,744.8	16.3	89.3
To the Free Zone	16.4	25.8	37.2	30.7	110.1	29.3	35.1	33.5	0.0	97.9	-10.0	-3.7
Total Import	397.7	486.5	586.8	621.5	2,092.5	565.1	605.3	672.4	0.0	1,842.8	14.6	85.6
By Large companies	39.7	39.3	43.6	46.5	169.1	59.0	55.2	70.7	0.0	184.9	62.2	27.1
By Other companies	341.6	421.5	506.0	544.3	1,813.4	476.8	514.9	568.2	0.0	1,559.9	12.3	62.2
To Aruba	381.3	460.8	549.6	590.8	1,982.5	535.8	570.2	638.9	0.0	1,744.8	16.3	89.3

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 2 Export by quarter, 2021-2022

in mln. kg	Qtr. 2021					Qtr. 2022					3rd Quarter 2021 - 2022	
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2020	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	2021	% change	in mln
From Aruba by Sea	3.9	4.7	8.0	4.8	21.4	5.2	4.6	5.6	0.0	15.4	-29.8	-2.4
From Aruba by Air	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	8.7	0.0
From Aruba	3.9	4.74	8.1	4.9	21.6	5.2	4.68	5.7	0.0	15.6	-29.6	-2.4
From the Free Zone	1.0	2.0	2.3	2.3	7.6	2.0	2.4	2.2	0.0	6.6	-2.8	-0.1
Total Export	4.9	6.7	10.3	7.2	29.2	7.2	7.1	7.9	0.0	22.2	-23.7	-2.5
By Large companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	187,331.6	0.02
By Other companies	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	21.5	5.2	4.7	5.7	0.0	15.5	-29.9	-2.4
From Aruba	3.9	4.7	8.1	4.9	21.6	5.2	4.7	5.7	0.0	15.6	-29.6	-2.4
in mln. Afl.												
From Aruba by Sea	6.6	9.0	8.3	6.8	30.6	8.1	10.4	12.3	0.0	30.9	48.9	4.0
From Aruba by Air	5.2	11.1	6.1	5.7	28.2	5.2	8.3	6.3	0.0	19.8	2.1	0.1
From Aruba	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	58.8	13.4	18.7	18.6	0.0	50.7	28.9	4.2
From the Free Zone	9.7	26.5	31.0	31.8	99.0	25.2	31.8	29.9	0.0	86.8	-3.5	-1.1
Total Export	21.6	46.6	45.4	44.3	157.8	38.5	50.5	48.5	0.0	137.5	6.8	3.1
By Large companies	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	8,019.0	0.0
By Other companies	11.8	19.8	14.4	12.5	58.4	13.4	18.7	18.5	0.0	50.6	28.7	4.1
From Aruba	11.8	20.1	14.4	12.5	58.8	13.4	18.7	18.6	0.0	50.7	28.9	4.2

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THIS ISN'T FAIRYLAND, WHAT DID YOU THINK? THAT YOU'D MARRY THE CHAUFFEUR AND WE'D ALL COME TO TEA? — LADY MARY, "DOWNTON ABBEY"

FTX bankruptcy also endangers founder's philanthropic gifts



Signage for the FTX Arena, where the Miami Heat basketball team plays, is illuminated on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Miami. Associated Press

By THALIA BEATY and GLENN GAMBOA
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The rapid collapse of cryptocurrency exchange FTX into bankruptcy last week has also shaken the world of philanthropy, due to the donations and influence of FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried in the "effective altruism" movement. The FTX Foundation and other related nonprofits mostly funded by Bankman-Fried and other top FTX executives says it has donated \$190 million to numerous causes. Earlier this year, the foundation's Future Fund announced plans to donate an additional \$100 million, with hopes of donating up to \$1 billion in 2022. Because of the bankruptcy, that won't be happening now.

And donations to numerous nonprofits, even those that have already received money from groups related to Bankman-Fried, are now in doubt. FTX, the hedge fund Alameda Research, and dozens of other affiliated companies sought bankruptcy

protection in Delaware Friday after the exchange experienced the cryptocurrency equivalent of a bank run. Customers tried to remove billions of dollars from the exchange after becoming concerned about whether FTX had sufficient capital. Bankman-Fried has resigned from the company. His net worth, estimated earlier this year at \$24 billion, has all but evaporated, according to Forbes and Bloomberg, which closely track the net worth of the world's richest people.

On Thursday night, FTX Future Fund's leadership team resigned, warning grantees that they were unlikely to pay out promised funds. "We are devastated to say that it looks likely that there are many committed grants that the Future Fund will be unable to honor," the team wrote in a joint post in the Effective Altruism Forum. "We are so sorry that it has come to this."

ProPublica, the investigative journalism nonprofit, said it has been told by

Building a Stronger Future, a foundation funded by Bankman-Fried, that the remaining two-thirds of its \$5 million grant to report on pandemic preparedness and biothreats is now on hold.

ProPublica received one-third of the grant in February and expected one-third annually until 2024. The nonprofit said Building a Stronger Future is assessing its finances and that it was talking to other funders about taking on some of its grant portfolio.

"Regardless of what happens with the remainder of the grant, we are deeply committed to this important work and the team we have assembled to pursue it," the nonprofit said in a statement.

Bankman-Fried, 30, is the best-known proponent of the "effective altruism" social movement which believes in prioritizing donations to projects that will have the largest impact on the most number of people. Dustin Moskovitz, co-founder of Facebook and current Asana CEO and co-founder, and his wife Cari Tuna, are also major funders and backers of the movement, which also emphasizes that the lives of all people should be weighted equally, regardless of where they live now or if they will inhabit the earth generations in the future.

"I wanted to get rich, not because I like money but because I wanted to give that money to charity," Bankman-Fried told an interviewer in a YouTube video called "The Most Generous Billionaire," published in January last year by producer Nuseir Yassin. Yassin said he is disappointed Bankman-Fried's downfall is dragging down the idea of philanthropy, in addition to destabilizing cryptocurrency markets and customers losing funds. "The third terrible outcome is loss of faith in the giving world, in the 'effective altruism' world," Yassin said. "And I find that to be the saddest one." □

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40 states settle Google location-tracking charges for \$392M

By **DAVE COLLINS and MARCY GORDON**
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Search giant Google has agreed to a \$391.5 million settlement with 40 states to resolve an investigation into how the company tracked users' locations, state attorneys general announced Monday.

The states' investigation was sparked by a 2018 Associated Press story, which found that Google continued to track people's location data even after they opted out of such tracking by disabling a feature the company called "location history."

The attorneys general called the settlement a historic win for consumers, and the largest multistate settlement in U.S. history dealing with privacy. It comes at a time of mounting unease over privacy and surveillance by tech companies that has drawn growing outrage from politicians and scrutiny by regulators. The Supreme Court's ruling last month ending the constitutional protections for abortion raised potential privacy concerns for women seeking the procedure or related information online. "This \$391.5 million settlement is a historic win for consumers in an era of increasing reliance on technology," Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said in a statement. "Location data is among the most sensitive and valuable personal information Google collects, and there are so many reasons why a consumer may opt-out of tracking." □

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TV role helps Mayan Lopez heal relationship with dad George

By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

Mayan Lopez's co-star in her new NBC sitcom "Lopez vs Lopez" happens to be her real-life dad, George Lopez.

The two play a father and daughter who are repairing their relationship after years of not getting along. As is the Lopez way, art imitates life: George's previous TV roles in "The George Lopez Show" and "Lopez" were also based on his real life. After divorcing her mother, Ann, in 2012, Mayan Lopez says she felt resentment toward her dad and the two didn't have much contact until they reconnected during the pandemic.

"Two years ago my dad and I weren't really talking, but family became something that was really important when the whole world was up in flames," she said. "As you grow older, you start to see your parents as people." Mayan Lopez recognizes her dad didn't always know how to relate to her because he was abandoned by his own parents and raised by his maternal grandmother, whom he



This image released by NBC shows George Lopez, left, and Mayan Lopez in a scene from "Lopez vs Lopez."

did not get along with. "He didn't always know how to relate to me. I get to kind of have that (perspective) now." The genesis of "Lopez vs Lopez" came about when TV producer Debby Wolfe stumbled upon Mayan's TikTok account.

"Someone was talking about my dad, the past things that have hap-

pened, you know that my dad was unfaithful, about my parents' divorce, and it was getting a lot of likes. And I was like, 'You know what? I want to say something about it because some of the facts aren't right.' And I thought, 'What will get people's attention?' And I thought, 'Oh, let me just twerk upside

down (against) a wall. Why not? I'm a comedian. I'll go for the joke.'"

Wolfe saw that, plus Mayan's other content, including videos with her dad and even posts of both her parents together, bickering like they were still married and thought, "This is a show." The opportunity was a dream come true for Ma-

yan who studied sketch comedy and improv and also trained at Second City. She's also respectful of her dad's talent and showbiz experience.

"I have a world-class comedian to be able to learn from," she said. "I take his advice and his knowledge and I have my own things that I bring to the table. He even says we make each other better because he's like, 'Oh, there's another one of me.' We bounce off of each other and collaborate on set. We'll write things and even improvise as we're performing. It's been great to work with him in that way."

Mom is also around too and "so proud."

"We perform in front of a live audience and my mom's there every week," said Lopez. "She was there for 'The George Lopez Show' that was based on (dad's) life.

And now we have another show. It's kind of the Lopez way of doing things, making our life art so that people can enjoy and also be able to be a representation of the Latin community." □

Associated Press

Roberta Flack has ALS, now 'impossible to sing,' rep says

NEW YORK (AP) — A representative for Roberta Flack announced Monday that the Grammy-winning musician has ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and can no longer sing.

The progressive disease "has made it impossible to sing and not easy to speak," Flack's manager Suzanne Koga said in a release. "But it will take a lot more than ALS to silence this icon."

The announcement of the amyotrophic lateral sclerosis diagnosis comes just ahead of the premiere of "Roberta," a feature-length documentary debuting Thursday at the DOCNYC film festival.

Flack is known for hits like "Killing Me Softly With His Song" and "The First Time I Ever Saw Your Face," the latter of which catapulted her into stardom after Clint Eastwood used it as the soundtrack for a love scene in his 1971 movie "Play Misty for Me."

The release says that the Grammy-winning singer and pianist, now 85, "plans to stay active in her musical and creative pursuits" through her eponymous foundation and other avenues.

The Antonino D'Ambrosio-directed documentary will

be in competition at the festival and available via DOCNYC's website for a week after, before airing on television Jan. 24 as part of PBS' "American Masters" series.

Flack also plans to publish a children's book co-written with Tonya Bolden, "The Green Piano: How Little Me Found Music," that month. The North Carolina-born, Virginia-raised Flack is the daughter of pianists and classically trained herself her talent won her a full ride to Howard University at just 15.

"I have long dreamed of telling my story to children about that first green piano that my father got for me from the junkyard in the hope that they would be inspired to reach for their dreams," Flack was quoted in the release. "I want them

to know that dreams can come true with persistence, encouragement from family and friends, and most of all belief in yourself."

The documentary's television debut and book's publication kick off 2023, which also will see the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of her fourth album, "Killing Me Softly," with a reissue. Her label for the first three decades of her career, Atlantic Records, is also celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Flack had a stroke in 2016 and spoke to The Associated Press a little over two years later about returning to performing. When asked if she'd sing one of her old hits at a then-upcoming event, she quickly retorted: "There's no such thing as an old hit," preferring the term "classic" instead. □



Singer Roberta Flack poses for a portrait in New York on Oct. 10, 2018.

Associated Press

Healthy, united Golden Knights off to fast start

By **MARK ANDERSON**

AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Captain Mark Stone stood in front of his locker Saturday night and acknowledged the Vegas Golden Knights probably didn't deserve to win that evening.

A reporter posed a silver-lining question about the Knights' third-period surge as something to build upon. Stone shrugged.

"It would've been nice to win the game," he said.

That's the expectation these days in Vegas, that the final result is all that matters. The St. Louis Blues did something only two other teams had accomplished this season beat the Knights.

Just a season after missing the playoffs for the first time in their short history, the Knights are among the NHL's hottest clubs. St. Louis' 3-2 victory snapped Vegas' nine-game winning streak, a stretch the Knights hope sent a message they have little interest in missing the postseason again.

The Knights (13-3) have 26 points, best in the Western Conference and second overall to the Boston Bruins (28 points). Vegas first-year coach Bruce Cassidy spent the previous six seasons in Boston, taking the Bruins to the 2019 Stanley Cup Final. Now he's trying to do the same for the Knights, and



Vegas Golden Knights goaltender Adin Hill (33) misses the puck, which stayed out of the goal during the third period of the team's NHL hockey game against the St. Louis Blues, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, in Las Vegas.

it's a long time between now and April when the playoffs begin. But, for now at least, the Knights have a number of factors working in their favor.

One is health.

Vegas lost more than 500 man-games to injury last season, and the Knights struggled to find chemistry when the next man up wasn't as good as the player being replaced.

Injuries haven't forced Cassidy to juggle his lineup thus far, though it doesn't take much in the NHL for that trend to quickly change.

Cassidy already has shown the ability to change plans on his own.

He broke up the "Misfit Line" of wings Reilly Smith and Jonathan Marchessault and center William Karlsson, players remaining from Vegas' first season in 2017-18. That club dubbed itself the "Golden Misfits" because they were thrown together on an expansion team.

In this season's sixth game against the Colorado Avalanche, Cassidy put that group back on the ice in the third period in search

of offense, and he's stayed with them since. Vegas lost that game 3-2, but then reeled off that nine-game winning streak.

Cassidy made another notable change in the offseason by switching to a zone defense. Opponents have largely been forced to shoot from the sides, easing the burden on goalies Logan Thompson and Adin Hill because they generally don't have to make many high-risk saves.

"You could see the hockey IQ in training camp," Cassidy said of his players pick-

ing up the system. "We built it from 101, which is pedestrian and usually for younger (players), but that's the way we thought we would teach it best. You stick with it, and it's worked out."

"We're starting to see some cracks in the last road trip. We're giving up too many chances, too many goals, but there are different reasons for that. That's not always the system."

"You can't be perfect for 82 (games)," Stone said. "We're in a little bit of a lull, but we're finding ways to win games, so maybe it kind of bit us a bit."

The goaltender situation was expected to be a concern after the Knights shut down Robin Lehner in the offseason because of hip surgery, and backup Laurent Brossoit missed the beginning of this season for the same reason. Brossoit now plays for the Knights' American Hockey League affiliate, the Henderson Silver Knights, after clearing waivers last week.

Thompson has made a startling climb to the NHL because he took the unusual route of coming from Canadian college hockey rather than the junior circuit. He took over in net at the end of last season and showed promise in going 10-5-3 with a .914 save percentage, allowing 2.68 goals a game. □

Christian Pulisic to wear No. 10 for U.S. at World Cup

By **The Associated Press**

Forward and winger Christian Pulisic will wear No. 10 for the United States at the World Cup and goalkeeper Matt Turner will wear No. 1.

The U.S. team announced jersey numbers Monday, a week before the Americans play Wales at Al Rayyan, Qatar, in their first World Cup match since 2014. DeAndre Yedlin, the only holdover from the roster eight years ago, will wear No. 22 instead of No. 2.

Twenty-two of the 26 players were in Qatar ahead of Monday's training, with Sergiño Dest, Weston McKennie, Tim Weah and Haji Wright due later in the day following scheduled Sunday league matches with their European clubs.

Previous No. 10s included Peter Vermes (1990), Roy Wegerle (1994), Tab Ramos (1998), Claudio Reyna (2002 and 2006), Landon Donovan (2010) and Mix Diskerud (2014).

Turner follows Tony Meola, who wore No. 1 in 1990

and '94, Brad Friedel in 1998 and 2002 and Tim Howard in 2006, '10 and 14.

The other jersey numbers: Walker Zimmerman No. 3, Tyler Adams No. 4, Antonee Robinson No. 5, Yunus Musah No. 6, Gio Reyna No. 7, McKennie No. 8, Jesús Ferreira No. 9, Brenden Aaronson No. 11, Ethan Horvath No. 12, Tim Ream No. 13, Luca de la Torre No. 14, Aaron Long No. 15, Jordan Morris No. 16, Cristian Roldan No. 17, Shaq Moore No. 18, Wright



U.S. forward Christian Pulisic, right, hands the ball to Haji Wright (19) prior to a penalty kick during the second half of the team's international friendly soccer match against Morocco on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in Cincinnati.

Associated Press

No. 19, Cameron Carter-Vickers No. 20, Weah No. 21, Kellyn Acosta No. 23, Josh Sargent No. 24, Sean

Johnson No. 25 and Joe Scally No. 26.

No. 21 was worn by Donovan in 2002 and 2006. □

NFL: Bills' catch vs Vikings should have been overturned

By JONAH BRONSTEIN

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)

— The Vikings beat the Bills in overtime. If not for an officiating mistake, they might have won in regulation.

The NFL's senior vice president of officiating acknowledged there was a breakdown in the instant replay process after a pivotal play late in Minnesota's 33-30 win over Buffalo on Sunday. Gabe Davis' 20-yard reception along the sideline with 24 seconds left in regulation should have been reviewed before the Bills ran another play, Walt Anderson told a pool reporter after the game. The catch happened during Buffalo's five-play, 69-yard drive that ended with Tyler Bass hitting a 29-yard field goal to force overtime with 2 seconds left.

"Even though it happens fast and Buffalo hurries to the line of scrimmage for the next play, if the replay official can't confirm that it was a catch on that long of a completed pass, we should stop play to ensure it was a catch," Anderson said.

On replays, it appeared that Davis did not secure the ball while falling out of



Minnesota Vikings head coach Kevin O'Connell, center, shakes hands with Buffalo Bills head coach Sean McDermott, left, following an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Associated Press

bounds.

"It would have been reversed to an incomplete pass because he did not maintain control of the ball after he hit the ground and the ball touched the ground out of bounds," Anderson said.

Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said the catch happened in front of him on the sideline. He was unable to challenge the ruling

because it occurred in the final 2 minutes, and said he did not get an explanation from officials.

"I didn't think it was a catch," O'Connell said. "In that mode, that needs to be something they need to review from up top, or possibly New York. We didn't get any clarification on that. I did ask."

Anderson said league officials will review the video

and audio from the game to determine why there wasn't a replay.

"I'll have to find out from the replay official exactly what he didn't feel like he saw to stop the game," Anderson said.

O'Connell said there might have been another officiating error in overtime that could have affected the result. He questioned whether the Bills had 12 de-

fenders on the field when Minnesota running back Dalvin Cook was tackled for a 3-yard loss on first-and-goal from the Bills 2.

The Vikings kicked what turned out to be the winning field goal three plays later, but a touchdown on the opening drive of overtime would have ended the game without giving the Bills' offense a chance to respond.

Anderson credited replay officials for making the right decision on two key plays in the final minute of regulation. He said replays showed Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins' shoulder was down before he extended the ball over the goal line on fourth-and-goal from the half-yard line with 49 seconds remaining. On the next play, Bills quarterback Josh Allen muffed the snap, which was recovered by Vikings linebacker Eric Kendricks for a touchdown.

Anderson said replays clearly showed Allen losing the ball, and officials properly stayed with the call on the field — a Vikings touchdown — after various camera angles were unable to confirm who made the recovery. □

Browns QB Watson cleared to practice as suspension nears end



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson stands on the field before an NFL preseason football game against the Chicago Bears, on Aug. 27, 2022, in Cleveland.

Associated Press

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP)

— Deshaun Watson's return from an 11-game NFL suspension remains on schedule. Cleveland's No. 1 quarterback was cleared to practice Monday, a significant step for the three-time Pro Bowler accused of sexual misconduct by more than

two dozen women while he played for Houston.

Watson reached a settlement with the league in August to sit out 11 games, pay a \$5 million fine and undergo counseling and treatment.

To this point, the league said he's fulfilled those obligations.

"Watson has thus far complied with the requirements set out in the August agreement, including evaluation by an NFL-NFLPA jointly appointed clinical professional and participation in a treatment program designed by behavioral experts, and is expected to continue to do so following his return to the football field," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email.

As long as he continues to meet conditions of the agreement, Watson will make his regular-season debut for the Browns on Dec. 4 against Houston, which drafted him in 2017 and traded him to Cleveland in March for three first-round draft picks.

Before Monday, Watson had been allowed only to attend meetings and work out at the team's facility in Berea. The Browns (3-6), who were blown out 39-17 on Sunday in Miami, don't practice until Wednesday, when Watson will rejoin his teammates on the field for the first time in months.

"It'll be great," said wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones, adding Watson can provide a moral boost to the Browns even before

playing. "He's a leader. So his voice, what he thinks, can help us."

Browns general manager Andrew Berry recently said Watson will play against the Texans. The QB will need some time to ramp up to game speed after sitting out the entire 2021 season while demanding a trade.

When he takes the field in Houston, it will be 700 days between regular-season games for Watson, who played briefly in Cleveland's exhibition opener at Jacksonville before his suspension began.

Jacoby Brissett has started the Browns' first nine games and will play in at least two more — at Buffalo on Sunday and home against Tampa Bay on Nov. 26 —

before Watson takes over. Coach Kevin Stefanski said Watson will get some work starting this week in practice, but the focus will remain on Brissett taking the majority of snaps so he's ready to play.

"We'll have a plan for him (Watson) to start getting ready," Stefanski said. "But Jacoby is the No. 1 priority in getting ready to play in this game. Whatever we do for Deshaun won't take away from Jacoby's preparation." The 27-year-old Watson insists he did not harass any of the women, who accused him of lewd behavior during massage therapy sessions. He settled 23 of 24 civil lawsuits filed against him and was named in another last month. □